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SUBJECT: CORRECTION OF PROBLEMS WITH APODS 2.0

As is often true with large software projects, a couple of problems have been detected in the recently released APODS 2.0.

APODS 2.0 Patch:

A small problem was discovered in APODS 2.0, relating to gender codes. The problem occurs when APODS attempts to import a duplicate client (a client who already exists within the APODS system). The gender codes are affected in that they are not visible from the client screen, even though they are added to the database. Furthermore, the gender codes are lost when these records are exported from the system. This problem also affects whether the client reports are generated.

To correct the gender code problem, follow the instructions below for applying the APODS 2.0 Patch:

1. Please note that the APODS patch will only work if APODS 2.0 is currently installed on your computer. (The patch will not fix the file "APODSsetup.exe".) In addition, the patch will only correct one APODS at a time. It will search for the first instance of APODS 2.0 that it encounters and apply the patch. Therefore, if you have access to more than one APODS 2.0 from your computer (either locally and/or via a network), contact Traci Fujita (916) 653-3300 for more information.
2. There are two patches available depending upon the version of APODS 2.0 you are using. The patch can be accessed via the DMH website at:
<http://www.dmh.ca.gov/RPOD/download.htm>. Make certain that you download and save the correct patch to a local drive on your computer.

Version of APODS 2.0	Name of Patch
APODS97	APODSPatch97_1
APODS2000	APODSPatch2k_1

3. Before running the patch, close all programs.
4. Locate the saved patch and double-click on the patch. (Note: This patch will correct the data that currently reside within APODS. Therefore, do not export your data out of APODS before applying the patch.)
5. A short message will appear, informing you that there is a "Patch in Progress."
6. Once this message box disappears, the patch is complete.
7. To verify that the patch was successfully applied, open APODS. You will notice that the opening screen now says January, 2001 Version 2.0, Update 1.0. This information is also available under the "Help" menu in the main system window.

"Work-Around" for Correcting Client-Level Reports:

In addition to the gender code problems noted above, we have also discovered a potential error with the client-level reports that APODS generates following manual data entry. After hand-entering a client's data, the user may request a client-level report. For the most part, the average scores that are generated are correct after applying the APODS patch. In a few cases, especially if the user has to change some of the client's responses due to key data-entry errors, the averages could be inaccurate the initial time the report is generated. To ensure that the correct averages are generated from the client-level reports following manual data entry, close out of the client screen and then re-enter the client screen before generating any client-level reports.

As the Adult Performance Outcome Technology contact, please encourage staff to apply the patch to all APODS 2.0. We will attempt to disseminate this information in a variety of formats but we are relying upon you, the technology contact, to make certain staff in your county are informed about this patch. If you have any problems locating the patch, please contact Traci Fujita via email at: tfujita@dmhhq.state.ca.us. Thank you for your assistance.